A Note from ACEC-KY President Steve McDevitt

It's been a quiet month recovering from the annual ACEC-KY/KYTC/FHWA Partnering Conference and getting ready to travel to Las Vegas to attend ACEC’s Fall Conference. I know what you're thinking that it is a tremendous burden on me to go to Las Vegas. I will try my best to persevere through this hardship. Hopefully, the Kentucky contingency will have the opportunity to spend some time with ACEC’s new leadership, President and CEO Linda Darr and Laura O’Neil, ACEC’s new Chief Operating Officer.

For our December 11th Quarterly Meeting and luncheon, Mr. Tony Parrott, the Executive Director for Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District, will be our featured speaker. We are very excited and appreciative of Mr. Parrott taking the time to visit and speak to our organization. Our meeting will be held at the Frankfort Country Club. Additional details will be coming out soon.

ACEC-KY has met our PAC goals for 2018. Thanks to all the hard work by Karen Wood and all those who elected to contribute. ACEC-KY continues to maintain a strong voice with our elected officials in Washington. In September, we have hosted the last of our meetings with our representatives and presented a PAC contribution to Congressman Thomas Massie (KY-4th District) at the Kentucky Engineering Center in Frankfort. Rep. John Yarmouth (KY-3rd District) received his PAC contribution at an event in Washington D.C.

Once again, I want to make my monthly plea for you to consider joining us at the ACEC Spring Conference in Washington, D.C. next May. It’s a great opportunity to visit with each of our federal representatives in our Nation’s Capital. It is a strong message when people visit from their home districts to discuss not only industry’s concerns but also issues that are affecting people back home. Staying connected with your representatives is the only way to keep what is important to both you and the engineering community front and center with our congressmen.

If you can't make it to Washington next spring, please consider attending the 2019 ACEC-KY Membership Retreat in Nashville on January 27th thru 29th. Many of the same topics discussed in Washington will be on the agenda in Nashville. ACEC’s Business Practice Committee is busy setting the agenda and organizing several speakers on a broad range of topics that will interest everyone. Ben Quinn, Jr., PE is heading up this committee and they are doing an outstanding job with organizing our retreat. The agenda should be finalized in the next month and published for everyone one to see. Please plan on traveling to Nashville. The conference will be held at The Renaissance Hotel in Downtown Nashville.

So far, Representative Rocky Adams and Senator Julie Raque Adams have agreed to come and share their thoughts on the upcoming 2019 legislative session. Todd Inman (Chief of Staff for Secretary Chao), Tracey Cooper-Holden, Deputy Chief Engineer for Nashville Airport, and Todd Block, Commissioner for Kentucky Department of Aviation are planning to attend. Stambaugh and Ness is going to speak about R & D Tax Credit and New Tax Law changes that have or will have some effect on all of us.

Out & About KEC Staff has been busy working on the One Day Fall Seminar series that are being hosted across the state. Thus far, we have hosted two seminars – Mechanical Electrical Day in Georgetown and the Madisonville One Day, held at the Ballard Convention Center. It will be a busy week for professional development as KEC Staff travels to Somerset on Wednesday and Bowling Green on Friday. Each day is providing eight professional development hours to those who attend so if you are needing to finish getting your professional development hours, check out the KEC calendar for a seminar near you. The second Leadership PE session for the 21st Class has been held. Communications was the focus of the session held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Georgetown on October 18th and 19th. We cannot thank
the deans of these sessions enough for being a part of this program, we greatly appreciate your efforts and we know this program is not possible without you. Thanks, too, to our hosts for dinner at the Communications session – Karen and Lee Czor.

As always, there are plenty of ways to get involved in ACEC-KY… from being involved on a committee or subcommittee, to serving as a committee chair, to helping with any number of meetings and events organized by our organization. Please give me a call or send me an email to let me know how you may want to get involved. It’s never too late or too early in your career to participate in our organization whose sole purpose is to be an advocate for you and our industry.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. McDevitt, P.E.
President, ACEC-KY 2018-19

Call for Entries – 2019 ACEC-KY Engineering Excellence Awards
Do you have a recent project you would like to highlight? Would you like the opportunity to showcase your engineering achievement and promote the quality and innovative work you’re providing for your clients? Why not consider participating in the 2019 Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA)? The 2019 ACEC-KY EEA competition is approaching and we want your projects. The deadline for submitting your entry is November 26, with entries due at the Kentucky Engineering Center by 5:00 PM EST. You may also participate in the national competition and have your project considered alongside the best in the country. Entries for ACEC-National’s competition are due on January 4, 2019.

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